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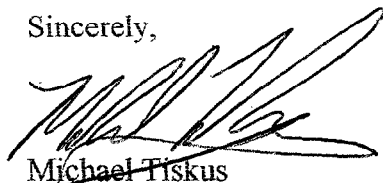
Dear Secretary Shalala,

I am writing to express my concern about the possible weakening of labeling requirements for irradiated food that is being considered by the Food and Drug Administration. I also urge that genetically modified foods be included in these labeling requirements. I strongly believe that I have the right to know if the food that I eat has been irradiated or contains genetically modified ingredients. As a citizen and consumer, I rely on the FDA to inform me on the contents of the foods and pharmaceuticals that I may ingest as well as unusual or controversial production methods.

Food products that are genetically modified or exposed to radiation undergo chemical changes that alter its cosmetic appearance and nutritional value. These changes in foods warrant full disclosure of the production methods in a prominent location on the package. These changes should also be carefully described by an accompanying poster located adjacent to where the foods are displayed for sale. Labels are required by law to be truthful and not misleading to consumers. Only clear, prominent and honest labeling regarding whether food has been irradiated or genetically modified is acceptable.

I hope you defend the consumer's right to know in this important decision making process.

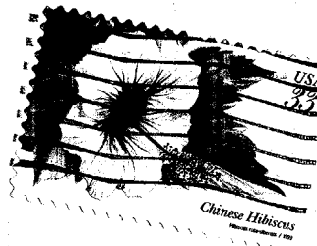
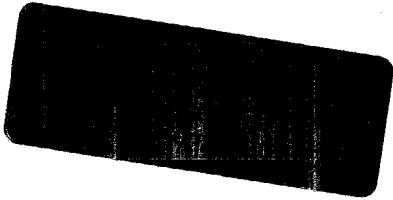
Sincerely,



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